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NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed December 13, 2006 and supplemental to the AMENDMENT mailed November 20, 2006 in response to the Office action of June 1, 2006, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 7 of this paper.